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For: METHOD AND DEVICE TO ALLOW COMMUNICATION AMOUNG EQUAL-ACCESS

STATIONS IN A CIRCULAR SERIAL FIBRE-OPTIC DATA BUS

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on April 8, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.